

Date Amended: **08/05/02** Bill No: **AB 669**

Tax: Emergency Telephone Author: Hertzberg

Users Surcharge

Board Position: Related Bills:

The bill, as amended, is no longer within the scope of responsibility of the Board.

COMMENT

The August 5, 2002 amendments delete the provisions that would have increased the emergency telephone users surcharge (9-1-1) in order to fund the State Non-emergency Telephone System (3-1-1). The bill continues to authorize every local public agency to establish a non-emergency telephone system with the digits "311" dedicated to the non-emergency telephone number within the system. However, the bill would now authorize the Division of Telecommunications of the Department of General Services to, among other things, aid local public agencies in the formulation of concepts, methods, and procedures that will improve the operation of systems authorized by this bill and that will increase cooperation among public agencies. It would also authorize the Attorney General, on behalf of the Division of Telecommunications or on his or her own initiative, to commence judicial proceedings to enforce compliance by any local public agency or public utility providing telephone service with the provisions of this bill. These provisions would fall under the purview of the Department of General Services and the Attorney General.

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